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DRAWING FROM REFS A, B, AND C, MISSION HAS PROVIDED PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR "DIRECTIVE" PORTION OF 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE (REF D, PARA 56) TO ASYG HUMPHREYS AND DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) REPS. TEXT OF COVER LETTER FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT OF COVER LETTER:

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IN ANTICIPATION OF DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THE SO-CALLED "DIRECTIVE" PORTION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE (DRC/WP(75)1(REVISED), I AM FORWARDING THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL FOR PARAGRAPH 56. MY AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE PRACTICAL IMPACT

OF THE FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT WILL DEPEND ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH IT SETS OUT:

A. SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON FORCE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES AND RESOURCE PLANNING FACTORS WHICH NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES CAN USE TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE FORCE PROPOSALS, AND

B. CLEAR-CUT DIRECTIVES FOR IMPLEMENTING AND

MONITORING COOPERATIVE AND COMMON PROGRAMS -- TO INCLUDE GREATER EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL FORCE PLANNING.

I BELIEVE THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL CALLS FOR ACTIONS FROM NATO AUTHORITIES AND NATIONS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH YOUR DESIRE FOR GUIDANCE WHICH IS "PRECISE, DEFINITE AND INCAPABLE OF MISINTERPRETATION". IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE ACTIONS WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCE NATO'S CAPABILITIES FOR THE PRESENT PLANNING PERIOD AND THE LONG TERM.

I AM PROVIDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER WITH ATTACHMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE DRC.

END TEXT OF COVER LETTER. TEXT OF PROPOSED PARA 56 FOLLOWS:

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56. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, MINISTERS HAVE LAID DOWN THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES FOR NATO DEFENSE PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 1982 AND BEYOND, IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

A. NATIONS ARE INVITED TO:

(1) MAINTAIN PRESENT FORCE LEVELS AND FORCE CAPABILITIES UNLESS REDUCED THROUGH MBFR AGREEMENTS;

(2) MARGINALLY INCREASE BUDGETS IN REAL TERMS (ON THE ORDER CONFIDENTIAL

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OF 3-5 PCT A YEAR), TO INCREASE REAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR MODERNIZING MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION;

(3) INCREASE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS THROUGH SUCH MEANS AS:

(A) COMPREHENSIVE JOINT EXAMINATIONS OF NATIONAL FORWARD PLANS TO ENSURE THAT ALL WORTHWHILE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION ARE USED;

(B) EXAMINATION OF ALL PROGRAMMED AND PLANNED MODERNIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ENABLE NATIONAL FORCES TO

WORK TOGETHER MORE EFFECTIVELY;

(C) JOINT EXERCISES AND PLANNING, ESPECIALLY TO
IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY OF FORCE EMPLOYMENT; AND

(D) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER
COOPERATIVELY FUNDED PROJECTS.

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(4) CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES FOR RESTRUCTURING FORCES TO
INCREASE INITIAL COMBAT CAPABILITIES;

(5) TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO PERMIT EFFECTIVE RESPONSES
BOTH PRIOR TO AND AFTER FINAL WARNING OF WAR; AND

(6) ANNUAL REPORT TO MINISTERS, THROUGH DPQ REPLIES
AND OTHER MEANS, NATIONAL RESPONSES TO NATO PLANNING
AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES' PROPOSALS FOR FORCE
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, RATIONALIZATION, STANDARDIZATION,
AND OTHER COOPERATIVE MEASURES.

B. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE INVITED TO DEVELOP FORCE
PROPOSALS WHICH:

(1) NATIONS CAN IMPLEMENT WITHIN EXISTING LEVELS OF DEFENSE

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EXPENDITURES PLUS REAL INCREASES AS SPECIFIED BY EACH NATION;

(2) TAKE COGNIZANCE OF ONGOING NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXISTING NATIONAL FORCES, WHETHER FORMALLY COMMITTED TO THE ALLIANCE OR NOT;

(3) DRAW NATIONAL FORCE STRUCTURES TOGETHER BY ELIMINATING REDUNDANCE AND RECOMMENDING PRACTICAL MEASURES TO RATIONALIZE AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF NATIONAL FORCES;

(4) SET FORTH A LIMITED NUMBER OF FIRST PRIORITY FORCE IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON ASSESSMENTS, BY REGION, OF CRITICAL FORCE DEFICIENCIES WITH EMPHASIS ON "BASIC ISSUES" AND THOSE MEASURES WHICH WILL HELP EXISTING FORCES TO OPERATE TOGETHER MORE EFFECTIVELY; AND

(5) SET FORTH PROPOSED FORCE IMPROVEMENTS IN DESCENDING ORDER OF PRIORITY.

C. THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION IS INVITED TO:

(1) IDENTIFY AND MONITOR PROGRESS TOWARD FURTHER RATIONALIZATION OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE EFFORTS TO PERMIT MORE EFFECTIVE DEFENSE FOR TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED;

(2) DEVELOP A LIST OF STANDARDIZATION ACTIONS THAT WOULD IMPROVE OVERALL ALLIANCE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OR SAVE RESOURCES;

(3) BRING TO MINISTERS' ATTENTION THOSE POLICY ISSUES AND DECISIONS REQUIRED TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE ACTIONS;

(4) EXAMINE THE ADEQUACY OF THE EXISTING NATO FORCE PLANNING SYSTEM FOR PROMOTING AND REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE EMBODYING A LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT; AND

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(5) SEEK WAYS TO PRESENT MORE EFFECTIVELY TOTAL NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS AND CAPABILITIES TO PUBLICS AND PARLIAMENTS, THUS TO PROMOTE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THOSE EFFORTS.

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